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UNIFORM POWER TARIFF POLICY
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering any proposal to supply electricity at an uniform rate across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to frame a National Tariff Policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (d) : Under the provision of the Electricity Act, 2003, the tariff for retail sale of electricity is to be determined by the concerned State Electricity Regulatory Commission. In discharge of their functions, the Commissions are to be guided, inter-alia by Tariff Policy. As required under the provisions of the Act, the Government of India had notified Tariff Policy on 6 January, 2006, after consulting, inter-alia, the State Governments.

The Tariff Policy lays down approach for determination of the tariffs for the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity. However, uniform power tariff throughout the country is not envisaged.